

## SECRET

PROJECT STATUS REPORT				REPORTING PERIOD			
1. CRYPTONYM a. Program      b. Project <b>OBLIVIOUS</b>		2. DIVISION OR BRANCH <b>SE-1</b>		3. COUNTRY Target      Base <b>Albania      U.S., Greece</b>		4. DATE ORIGINALLY APPROVED <b>16 July 1954</b>	
5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER <b>[Redacted]</b>		ROOM NO. <b>1313 J</b>		EXTENSION <b>678</b>		SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER <b>[Signature]</b>	
6. TYPE OF PROJECT <b>FI</b>		<b>PP</b>		<b>PM</b>		SUPPORT	
7. STATUS <b>OPERATIONAL</b>				LIQUIDATING		CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY	
8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED U.S. - - - - - FOREIGN-NAT'L - - - - - TOTAL		O/S <b>b2</b>	U.S. <b>1</b>	9. FY ALLOTMENT TO DATE <b>[Redacted]</b>		SOURCES/METHODS EXEMPTION 3B2B RAZ FYWBRIGATNRS TO BASELOSURE ACT DATE 2007	

11. Summary

Mission and Plan

To maintain the National Committee for a Free Albania as an overt vehicle for the covert FP and FM activities against Albania.

Summary

1. As of 1 July the new budget for the NCFA became effective and with it the new method of dealing directly with members of the NCFA only in the U.S. and Athens. The case officer who had been assigned to the NCFA in Rome returned to the U.S. on 8 July. He will not be replaced. The case officer was debriefed by the Headquarters staff. He participated in conversations with Mr. Hasan Desti, President of the NCFA, during which the new budget and the exact terms of its administration were explained to Mr. Desti.

2. Mr. Hasan Desti, President of the NCFA, was in Washington for approximately two weeks in July. During his visit he paid courtesy calls at the State Department, the Greek Embassy and the Italian Embassy. Several meetings were held with Mr. Desti by members of the SE Division and a memorandum outlining the specific terms of the new budget was presented to him. The desire of members of the NCFA to send a message to the members of the Balkan Alliance regarding Albania's independence and territorial integrity was discussed with Mr. Desti, who stated he believed it unwise to send such a memorandum and that he had cabled his disapproval to the other members of the Committee. Chief, SE-1, discussed this question with members of the State Department who agreed that such action would be inadvisable.

3. As the result of objections by members of the Executive Committee of the NCFA to moving the newspaper Shaparin to New York, it was agreed that the paper should remain in Rome. It is now planned to publish the paper on a monthly rather than a fortnightly basis as in the past. This will both reduce the cost of publication and give the Committee the additional time necessary to bring out the paper without the assistance of an experienced case officer. The paper was published on schedule during July.

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